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SUBJ: SOMALI ARMY DEFECTORS CONDEMN SOMALI AGGRESSION AGAINST
ETHIOPIA

1. JULY 6 ETHIOPIAN HERALD REPORTED PRESS CONFERENCE
IN WHICH THREE ALLEGED SOMALI ARMY DEFECTORS CASTIGATED
"THE REACTIONARY SIAD BARRE REGIME FOR RESORTING TO
IRRESPONSIBLE ADVENTURES IN FUTILE EFFORT REALIZE
CHIMERICAL DREAM OF TERRITORIAL AGGRANDIZEMENT AT
ETHIOPIAN EXPENSE". ADDITIONALLY THE THREE DEFECTORS,
A CORPORAL AND TWO PRIVATES, CLAIMED THAT REGULAR SOMALI
ARMY TROOPS "WORK HAND IN GLOVE WITH SPECIALLY TRAINED
GUERRILLAS INFILTRATED INTO ETHIOPIA TO SABOTAGE TRANSPORT
AND COMMUNICATIONS LINKS". SOCIALISM AS PRACTICED BY
SOMALIA WAS DENOUNCED AS "HOGWASH" AND THE DEFECTORS
AFFIRED THAT ALL "SOBER-THINKING" MEMBERS OF THE SOMALI
ARMY HAD HAD ENOUGH OF "MOGADISIO'S CHAUVINISM AND
DECLARED POLICY OF TERRITORIAL EXPANSIONISM AT EXPENSE
ETHIOPIA AND KENYA" AND WOULD, GIVEN THE OPPORTUNITY,
"MOST WILLINGLY DESERT FROM SOMALI ARMY".

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2. COMMENT: ARTICLE APPEARS TO BE CONTINUATION OF
CAREFULLY ORCHESTRATED WAR OF WORDS BETWEEN ETHIOPIA AND
SOMALIA WITH ACCUSATIONS AND COUNTER-ACCUSATIONS STILL
ON RISE. TECHNIQUE OF USING "DEFECTORS" AS PENITENTS IN
PRESS CONFERENCES HAS BEEN USED OFTEN BY EPMG IN PAST,
MOST RECENTLY WITH EDU CAPTIVES, TO DEMONSTRATE HOW
OPPONENTS OF EPMG HAVE BEEN "MISLED AND DUPED" BY CRAFTY

IMPERIALISTS AND REACTIONARIES. IT IS AN INTERESTING
METHOD AND PROBABLY HAS SOME SUCCESS WITH UNSOPHISTICATED
ETHIOPIAN MASSES.
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